

Finding and Revising Sentence Fragments

EXERCISE A Some of the following word groups are sentence fragments. Others are complete sentences. If a word group is a complete sentence, write *S* on the line provided; if it is a fragment, write *F*. Then, use proofreading symbols to revise each fragment so that it contains a subject and a verb and expresses a complete thought. Change punctuation and capitalization when necessary.

Example *F* 1. Because Denise and I like to explore our town *, we spend a lot of time on our bikes.*

1. Yesterday, Denise and I to go for a bike ride.
2. We put on our helmets for the trip.
3. Our part of town a lot of steep hills.
4. Saw many interesting places along the way.
5. The breeze hit our faces as we coasted down the hills.
6. Although going down the hills was really fun.
7. Felt tired after pedaling up all those hills.
8. Some hills steeper than they had looked at first!
9. Rested and drank some water after several miles.
10. My legs shaky.
11. When we got up to go, suggested that we pedal home slowly.
12. After we had taken our break.
13. As we crested the last hill.
14. When we waved to our friends across the street.
15. Was my favorite part of today's trip.
16. We decided to explore another part of town on our next bike ride.
17. Agreed to take our next bike trip on Saturday.
18. I wish my bike had a motor on it!
19. Am glad my bike is modern.
20. Early bicycles had heavy wooden frames and iron tires.

Finding and Revising Sentence Fragments (continued)

EXERCISE B Some of the following word groups are sentence fragments. Others are complete sentences. If a word group is a complete sentence, write *S* on the line provided; if it is a fragment, write *F* on the line. Then, use proofreading symbols to revise each fragment so that it contains a subject and a verb and expresses a complete thought. Change punctuation and capitalization when necessary.

Example *F* 1. When one of my friends began training for a marathon, *, I decided I would train, too.*

21. A marathon is a running event.
22. Has a distance of approximately twenty-six miles.
23. The race's length a historical basis.
24. In 490 B.C., a Greek soldier from Marathon to Athens with news of a Greek victory over the Persians.
25. Reproduces that soldier's run, although the current marathon distance is actually longer.
26. Marathons and half-marathons in many cities.
27. Boston and New York City both have famous marathons.
28. Because the marathon is such a long race.
29. Whether a marathon runner is a beginner or a seasoned veteran, should commit to months of training.
30. Must keep their bodies strong and well rested.